

a film cartridge coupled to said film clip and distanced from said winding housing;
and

an inner film cover disposed over said film clip between said film cartridge and said winding housing such that film extending between said film cartridge and said winding housing is covered between said film cartridge and said winding housing, said inner film cover removably attached to said outer film cover.

27. A method for installing film into a detachable film cassette assembly, the cassette assembly including a film clip adapted to receive a film cartridge, a winding housing attached to the film clip, a first film cover, and a second film cover, said method comprising:

coupling the film cartridge to the film clip;

feeding film from the film cartridge to the winding housing;

attaching the film clip to the first film cover; and

engaging the second film cover to the film clip and the first film cover between the winding housing and the film cartridge to cover exposed film and prevent light from contacting the exposed film.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 13, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-3, 5-23, and 27-29 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-10 and 24-29 stand rejected. Claims 11-23 have been allowed. Claims 4 and 24-26 have been canceled.

The rejection of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chen (U.S. Patent Number 6,624,964) is respectfully traversed.

Chen describes a reusable photographic film package for a camera that includes a main casing 1, a film package casing 2, and a locking member 3. The film package casing 2 is provided with an exposure frame section 20, a film container holding chamber 21, and a film winding chamber 22 disposed on opposite sides of the exposure frame section 20. Chen does not describe an outer film cover adapted to receive the film clip and an inner film cover